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Fourth Celebration of the Book highlights Missouri authors

Mark your calendar for November 11, 2000, and plan to attend the Fourth Celebration of the Book in Columbia.

"Meet Missouri Authors" is the theme and focus of this year's Celebration, sponsored by the Missouri Center for the Book.

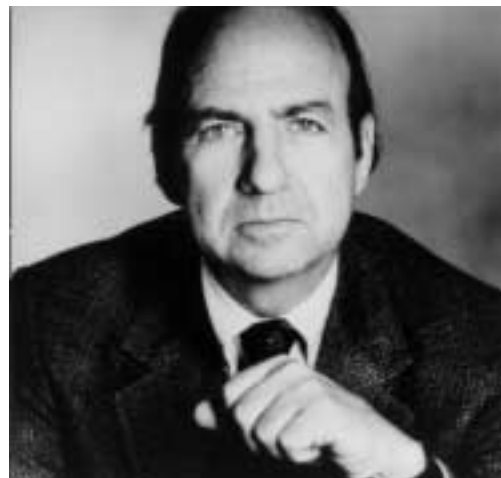
The Celebration will be a public showcase for Missouri authors and their books. The basic format will be a book fair with more than 100 authors available to discuss their work and to meet with people who enjoy and are enriched by their work.

The Celebration's featured speaker will be Calvin Trillin, who will provide the closing address. An exceptional public speaker and one of the country's most insightful cultural critics, Trillin is a native Missourian and has written often about his home state. He is the author of many books including *Uncivil Liberties*, *American Fried*, *An Education in Georgia*, *With All Disrespect*, *Remembering Denny*, *Family Man*, and *Messages from My Father*. His articles have appeared in *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Harper's*, and *The New York Times Magazine*, and he is a regular contributor to *The Nation*.

In addition, the Celebration will offer seven programs on specific genres featuring authors well known in their fields. These authors will hold informal "conversations" with readers during which they will describe how they came to the writing life, answer questions from the audience, and read from their works. The conversations will deal with biography, mystery, romance, science fiction and fantasy, history, translation, poetry. Another program will focus on Missouri's distinguished literary journals, with speakers representing five journals.

Throughout the day, an "open mike area" will be reserved for authors and storytellers to present readings.

The Celebration will take place on the University of Missouri campus at the Memorial Union from 9 AM to 4 PM. Trillin will speak at 4:30 PM in the School of Fine Arts Auditorium. The entry fee for the book fair is \$5.00, and \$10.00 for Trillin's presentation.



Calvin Trillin (photo by Sigrid Estrada)

Co-sponsors and supporters include the Missouri State Library, Missouri Arts Council, William T. Kemper Foundation, Office of Cultural Affairs/City of Columbia, University of Missouri, Columbia Books, Left Bank Books, KJLU-FM, and Central Bank of Jefferson City.

For more information, contact the Missouri Center for the Book at 800-325-0131, ext. 8 (in Missouri) or 573-751-2680. And check the Missouri Center's website for complete information about the Celebration events (<http://books.missouri.org/>).

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Missouri's First Lady publishes new book

Will You Say a Few Words is a collection of speeches made by Jean Carnahan during her eight years as Missouri's First Lady. As she says, "First ladies across the nation are no longer content to host tea parties or to rearrange the furniture in their states' mansions. They are speaking out..."

Carnahan has traveled the state speaking out on child care, the arts, domestic violence, and Missouri history. She writes her own speeches, and the book includes both introductions and longer addresses to volunteer organizations, religious and political groups, professional associations, educators, and librarians.

This book, the third of Carnahan's published works, was preceded by a 440-page history, *If Walls Could Talk: The Story of Missouri's First Families*, and *Christmas at the Mansion: Its Memories and Menus*.

All proceeds from sales of the book will benefit Missouri Mansion Preservation, Inc. (MMPI), the organization responsible for restoration of the historic Governor's Mansion. To order the book, send \$12.00 plus \$3.00 shipping/handling to Governor's Mansion Gift Shop, PO Box 1133, Jefferson City, MO 65102, or call toll free 877-526-8123. Checks should be payable to MMPI.

Three Missouri school libraries receive 3M systems

3M Library Systems has announced the selection of 70 U.S. middle and high schools to receive a 3M™ Detection System for their library media centers through the "3M™ Salute to Schools" Program. Three Missouri schools are recipients of the equipment: Clayton High School, Reed Middle School in Springfield, and Truman High School in Independence.

Recipients will receive up to two 3M™ detection systems for the entrance/exit of their media centers, a supply of 3M™ Tattle™ Tape-Security Strips for marking mate-

rials, and materials processing accessories—a package with an average value of about \$15,000.

3M™ Salute to Schools, sponsored by 3M in partnership with the American Association of School Librarians, was created to enhance middle and high school library media centers and to support the education and future of the nation's youth.

AASL received more than 540 applications and selected recipients for the donation based on financial need, demonstrated support for a strong library program, and a commitment to the project as explained in a statement of need. Only schools with full-time certified school library media specialists were considered.

CMSU offers new master's degree program

Central Missouri State University has inaugurated a new program—the first in the state—leading to a master's degree in library information technology from its Department of Library Science & Information Services.

The program "will produce graduates skilled in electronic information retrieval and in managing an organization's technology and information resources." Graduates would likely be hired by school districts in administrative and supervisory positions dealing with information technology. The program may also be of interest to persons starting their own Internet information retrieval business.

Courses will be offered at night, on weekends, or during the summer, and the program requires a thesis or a research project. The program is a collaborative effort with four other departments: Curriculum and Instruction, Computer and Office Information Systems, Management, and Education Leadership & Human Development.

For more information, contact Dr. Larry Dorrell, department chair, at 660-543-8633 or dorrell@libserv.cmsu.edu, or Sandra Doussard, department secretary, at 660-543-4835 or doussard@cmsu1.cmsu.edu.

Cooperation grant awards emphasize library technology

On June 22, 2000, Secretary of State Bekki Cook approved 12 Library Cooperation Grants to be funded through the federal Library Services and Technology Act. Most of the grant applications requested money for projects involving technology—from PowerPoint workshops for library staff and computer classes for senior citizens to digitizing historic newspapers and setting up teleconferencing for teens. Other applications involved outreach to communities in rural or unserved areas and expanding urban library services.

The grants totaled \$329,371. Libraries receiving grants and their projects:

| Library | Project | Amount |
|--|--|------------|
| Community R-VI School | Fright to Light III | \$ 10,255 |
| El Dorado Springs High School | Gray Surfing III | \$ 5,650 |
| Fordland R-III Schools | READY for the Future II | \$ 6,671 |
| Gentry County Library (Grand River Library Conference) | Computer & Internet Basics for Grand River Libraries | \$ 6,830 |
| Jefferson County Library | Hillsboro Outreach Project | \$ 1,655 |
| Kansas City Metropolitan Library & Information Network | Basic Computers Workshops | \$ 4,220 |
| Kansas City Metropolitan Library & Information Network | PowerPoint Workshops | \$ 4,220 |
| Missouri Library Network Corporation | Emergency Preparedness and Recovery Workshop | \$ 5,375 |
| Missouri Library Network Corporation | Statewide Planning for Digitization | \$ 138,295 |
| Springfield-Greene County Library District | Teleconferencing with Teens | \$ 11,200 |
| St. Louis Public Library | Community Connection, Phase II | \$ 24,000 |
| University of Missouri Office of Library Systems | Making Historic Missouri Newspapers Available on the Web, Phase II | \$ 111,000 |

100 most frequently challenged books of the decade

The Office for Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association has published its list of the 100 most frequently challenged books of the decade. Topping the list is *Scary Stories* (series) by Alvin Schwartz, accused of “being too scary” and “unsuited to age group,” followed by *Daddy’s Roommate* by Michael Willhoite, accused of “promoting homosexuality as a normal lifestyle.”

The 10 most frequently challenged books of the decade were *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou (3), *The*

Chocolate War by Robert Cormier (4), *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain (5), *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck (6), *Forever* by Judy Blume (7), *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson (8), *Heather Has Two Mommies* by Leslea Newman (9), and *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger (10).

Other well-known books on the list include: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry (11), *It’s Perfectly Normal* by Robie Harris (13), *Goosebumps* (series) by R.L. Stine (15), *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker (17), *Sex by Madonna* (18), *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L’Engle (23), *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee (40), *Harry Potter*

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Web Watch

Artmuseum.net

<http://artmuseum.net>

Museum exhibits formatted specifically for the Internet. You need Windows 95, 98, or NT to run the exhibits. Go to “Van Gogh’s Van Goghs” and see the National Gallery’s Van Gogh show in full 3D.

Literati.net

<http://www.literati.net>

If you’re looking for author information, this site is a good place to start. Calling itself the “Home for Official Web Sites of Published Authors,” the site includes biographical information, booklists, reviews, media and bookstore schedules, and other information.

Uncle Network’s WebStyle Guide

<http://www.uncle-network.com/webstyle/index.html>

If *Wired* style isn’t your style, try this free guide from Uncle Network—aka J. Scott Wallace, a writer-editor from the San Francisco area. He uses a hyphen in e-mail, recommends mice, not mouses, for the plural of mouse, and actually begins a sentence with a capital letter.

Word-in-Your-Ear debuts in Kansas City



In addition to its children's Dial-A-Story, Kansas City Public Library

now offers a new free phone line called Word-In-Your-Ear—the first such service in Missouri. Call 816-701-3696 to hear poetry, short stories, excerpts, or complete works.

Word-In-Your-Ear offers a three- to five-minute literary work every other Friday. New works will be read by different people each time, and a variety of literary genres will be featured. With Word-In-Your-Ear, the library hopes to offer a little something for everyone, possibly something people might not have time to pick up and read.

(series) by J.K. Rowling (48), *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley (54), and *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo A. Anaya (78).

The top 100 list was compiled from 5,718 challenges to library materials reported to or recorded by the Office for Intellectual Freedom from 1990-1999. Seventy-one percent of the challenges in this decade were to materials in schools or school libraries; another 26 percent were to materials in public libraries. Nearly 60 percent of challenges were brought by parents, 16 percent by library patrons, and 10 percent by administrators.

“Sexually explicit” was the most often-cited reason for requesting that a book be removed from the library or curriculum. Other reasons included “offensive language,” “unsuited to age group,” “occult theme or promoting the occult or Satanism,” “violent,” homosexual theme or “promoting homosexuality,” “promoting a religious viewpoint,” “nudity,” “racism,” “sex education,” and “anti-family.”

The entire list of the top 100 challenged books of the last decade can be found at <http://www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/top100bannedbooks.html>.

Missouri's family literacy initiative

The Missouri Family Literacy Initiative (MOFLI) is working to implement systemic change in the way family literacy services are delivered in Missouri. This project, directed by LIFT, the state literacy resource center, will better enable communities across Missouri to create and sustain quality family literacy service for low-income, low-literate parents and their children.

Funded by a \$531,548 grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the partners of MOFLI are working to change the following aspects of family literacy in Missouri:

- greater awareness of family literacy as a priority within broader reform efforts
- the way resources are allocated to family literacy program components and support services

- policies within the partner agencies affecting family literacy
- improved accountability with the development of new indicators of performance
- improved and expanded professional development opportunities
- more meaningful evaluation data for local programs
- model programs in conjunction with Car-



ing Communities, school-based programs, community libraries, and teen parent programs.

These changes will take place over the next two

years through a combination of the work of the MOFLI Consortium, consultants hired to perform specific tasks, policy-makers within various state agencies, and decision makers within urban and rural communities.

MOFLI partners include LIFT, Missouri State Library, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Division of Adult Education, Comprehensive School Reform, and Early Childhood Special Education), Parents as Teachers National Center, Inc., Webster University, Head Start, Practical Parenting Partnerships, ParentLink, Department of Social Services, and Department of Economic Development (Workforce Development).

For more information about MOFLI, contact Tim O'Dea at 800-729-4443 or todea@webster.edu.

Accessibility and distribution of information on the Web

Eighty-five percent of Web users rely on search engines to find information. However, search engines are currently lacking in comprehensiveness and timeliness and do not index sites equally. The current state of search engines can be compared to a phone book which is updated irregularly, is biased toward listing more popular information,

and has most of the pages ripped out.

- Search engine indexing and ranking may have economic, social, political, and scientific effects. For example, indexing and ranking of online stores can substantially affect economic viability; delayed indexing of scientific research can lead to the duplication of work; and delayed or biased indexing may affect social or political decisions.
- Search engine coverage relative to the estimated size of the publicly indexable Web has decreased substantially since December 1997, with no engine indexing more than about 16% of the estimated size of the publicly indexable Web.
- Search engines are typically more likely to index sites that have more links to them (more “popular” sites). They also are more likely to index U.S. sites than non-U.S. sites (AltaVista is an exception) and more likely to index commercial sites than educational sites.
- Indexing of new or modified pages by just one of the major search engines can take months.
- 83% of sites contain commercial content and 6% percent contain scientific or educational content. Only 1.5% of sites contain pornographic content.
- The simple HTML “keywords” and “description” metatags are only used on the homepages of 34% of sites. Only 0.3% of sites use the Dublin Core metadata standard.

The above data summarizes a study by Steve Lawrence and Lee C. Giles in the journal *Nature* (Vol. 400, Issue 6740) titled “Accessibility of Information on the Web.” To request a free copy of the article, send an e-mail to lawrence@research.nj.nec.com.

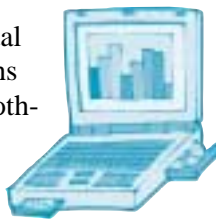
Missouri health statistics on the Web

For many years, the J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library at the University of Missouri-Columbia has maintained an exhaustive index of the statistical data highlighted in the “Focus” article in *Missouri Monthly*

Vital Statistics. Topics vary from month to month, covering subjects such as prenatal care, causes of death, teenage smoking, hospital utilization, firearm deaths and injuries, and many others.

Two staff members at the Lottes library, Erika DeLeon and Mike Spears, have converted this index from print ed form to the Web, with links to the full-text articles on the Missouri Center for Health Statistics site. Currently, the index covers all “Focus” articles from 29(9) 1995 to date and is indexed with Medical Subject Headings. New entries will be added as they become available.

To access the index, go to <http://www.muhealth.org/~library/docs/mmvs.html>.



Survey examines public library Net policies

A survey just released by the Library Research Center of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the American Library Association found that 95 percent of public libraries have a formal policy in place to regulate public use of the Internet and that most others are developing such policies.

The survey also addressed a number of other issues relating to management of the Internet in public libraries, including location of computers, classes/workshops, parental permission, preselection of sites, and complaints regarding Internet use.

To ensure that people are using the Internet responsibly, 80 percent of respondents say they purposely locate computer terminals in open spaces and often near a staff person’s desk. Slightly more than 46 percent offer Internet education classes, primarily for adults.

The survey’s results on children’s access to the Internet showed that nearly 64 percent of respondents require permission from parents before children can use the Internet. In these libraries, 66 percent maintain

Springfield library article appears nationwide

Several months ago, Associated Press reporter Doug Johnson wrote a feature article on The Library Center, Springfield-Greene County Library’s new flagship facility. The article—accompanied by a photo of the library’s coffee shop—focuses on the library’s physical resemblance to a Barnes and Noble bookstore instead of a “stuffy library from the days of old.” It mentions the gift shop, the large number of computers with Internet access, the Bestsellers Club, the young adult area, and the e-book introduction. Newspapers across the state have used the article as have newspapers across the country, including the *Los Angeles Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

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ALA Washington seeks input on Internet use in libraries

The American Library Association's Washington Office would like to have a clearer picture of what is happening at the local level regarding Internet use in libraries. The Office requests that librarians across the country download and complete a one-page questionnaire about their libraries' Internet use policies. ALA will use this information in its educational efforts with Congress. ALA also welcomes any other information or anecdotes that would support communication with legislators.

The questionnaire is easy to download and print, and is available as a PDF file on the Washington Office's website (<http://www.ala.org/washoff>). Attach additional pages as needed or send e-mail to alawash@wash.org.

this restriction until a child reaches the age of 18.

Almost 50 percent have received informal complaints about Internet access, but only 7 percent were about content. Most were about faulty equipment or slow response time.

A full report on this survey is available from the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science at <http://www.lis.uiuc.edu/gslis/>.

Deadlines set for The Millennium Project for Public Libraries

Applications are available for "The Millennium Project for Public Libraries," a new national grant initiative to help public libraries enrich their core collections of American literature and provide an opportunity to offer library programs to enhance the public's appreciation of great American writing.

The application deadlines are November 15, 2000 and April 1, 2001. Access to the applications and guidelines is available online by visiting <http://www.ala.org/publicprograms>.

The Millennium Project will provide 50 Library of America volumes published between 1992 and 2000 to 800 qualifying U.S. public libraries. Selected libraries will receive a 50-volume set (valued at \$1,765, based on a retail value of \$35 to \$40 per volume) of The Library of America, 50 bookplates citing the gift, promotional materials, and access to an online resource guide for public programming.

Selected libraries with annual book budgets under \$5,000 also will be eligible for a \$150 stipend toward the costs of organizing programs to introduce the volumes to patrons. Each selected library must pay \$250 toward the cost of the 50-volume set.

The 50-volume Millennium Project set, with more than 60,000 pages, includes the works of Robert Frost, Henry James, James Baldwin, Zora Neale Hurston, William Faulkner, Eudora Welty, James Madison,

and others, as well as anthologies of 19th and 20th century American poetry and American journalism from World War II and the Vietnam War.

The project is a partnership of the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Library of America, and the American Library Association, and is funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Great American Book Contest 2000

A new literary contest, the Great American Book Contest 2000, is dedicated to discovering American authors of exceptional talent whose work equals or surpasses the



finest of America's past and future. It is the only national literary contest providing an annual forum for unpublished book-length

manuscripts—fiction and nonfiction—with American settings. It gives authors of all experience levels an additional incentive (and deadline) for completing their literary works.

Judges will award a grand prize to the manuscript that best meets the contest objective. The grand prize winner will receive \$3,000, an editorial meeting with a book editor from a leading New York publisher, and a film development meeting with a feature film scout.

Young writers entering this contest will also have the opportunity to compete for the Honorable Mention for New Talent award. Judges will award \$750 to the young writer whose strong voice best exhibits the next generation's literary promise.

The contest deadline is December 31, 2000. To request an entry form and contest details, send an SASE to Great American Book Contest 2000, 417 N. Sangamon St., Chicago, IL 60622, or send a fax to 312-491-8091.

E-rate fact sheet 2000

Year Three (as of June 12, 2000) and Special Year Two Window

Last year, more than 36,000 applications were filed by libraries and schools for \$4.7 billion in E-rate discounts for telecommunications, Internet access, and internal wiring.

- More than \$700 million has been awarded to 19,558 successful applicants.
- 3,694 libraries have received nearly \$32 million, or less than 5 percent of discounts awarded thus far.
- More than 70 percent of the discount awards have been made to rural areas.
- Total awards to date to Missouri libraries, including the State Library, are \$275,028.
- The Missouri State Library has received \$12,449 for the Wolfner Library and \$10,346 for Reference Services and Library Development combined.
- Requests for next year's E-rate funding exceeded available funding by more than 50 percent.

Students invited to enter Letters About Literature 2001

For some, it is J.K. Rowling and the fantasy world of Harry Potter. For others, it is Ray Bradbury and the futuristic world of



Fahrenheit 451 where

books are not just banned, they're burned.

For still others, it is Anne Frank whose diary recounts her frightening experience of hiding from Hitler's Nazis during World War II.

It mattered not at all

whether the story was fantasy, science fiction, or hard-hitting realism. What mattered was that the author's words had touched the reader's life as no other reading experience had.

Each year, the Missouri Center for the Book, the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, and Weekly Reader Corporation invite students to write a letter to an author—living or dead—explaining how that author changed their view of the world or themselves. Last year, approximately 20,000 young readers from across the country wrote letters. Missouri students wrote 1,500 letters to authors.

Once again this year, the three sponsors invite Missouri students to participate in the Letters About Literature essay contest. The

contest offers two levels: Level I for grades 4-7 and Level II for grades 8-12. Judges will select one national winner for Level I and one for Level II. The winning students will each receive a cash award of \$500.

On the state level, the Missouri Center for the Book will hold a ceremony in Jefferson City where students will receive first and second prizes and honorable mentions for both levels.

Public and school librarians can support the contest by distributing entry forms to their patrons. School librarians also can promote the contest to language/literature teachers and English departments within their districts.

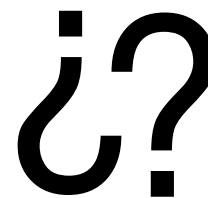
Contest entry forms are available for downloading from the Missouri Center's website at <http://books.missouri.org/> or may be requested from the Center at

800-325-0131, ext. 8.

Students interested in reviewing past letters can read *Dear Author*, published by Conari Press, which contains winning letters from students throughout the U.S.

An official contest packet, including the entry form, additional excerpts from winning letters, and two reproducible blackline masters to help students polish their essays, are available from Weekly Reader Corporation by calling 203-703-3500 or via e-mail: sschreiber@weeklyreader.com

All entries must be postmarked on or before December 1, 2000.



Free education videotape for Spanish-speaking families

Spanish-speaking families, as well as libraries, schools, and organizations serving them, may obtain a videotape featuring tips on parent involvement in education and preparing young people for college. "Vamos juntos a la escuela" ("Let's Go to School Together") was produced by the U.S. Department of Education for use in parent meetings or in the home.


The 15-minute videotape can be used in presentations to groups of Spanish-speaking families by schools, colleges, community- and/or faith-based organizations, and others. Maria Elena Salinas, news anchor for the Univision Spanish-language television network, provides the narration.


The videotape is packaged in a kit with print materials in Spanish. The free videotape may be ordered online at <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>, or by calling 1-877-4-ED-PUBS.




newsline welcomes information for "Missouri Library News" and "Personal Notes" from librarians, library trustees, and others interested in the state's libraries. Send news about library events, projects, awards, and personnel changes to the editor. (See page 2 for contact information.)

Libraries receive gifts and grants

 The West Plains Public Library Foundation is the recipient of a \$2,500 annual contribution to its endowment fund from the West Plains Bank and Trust Company. The annual gift is in addition to the \$50,000 the bank donated to the library foundation's building campaign, which was one of the largest corporate donations made to the fund.

 Trustees of the Barry-Lawrence Regional Library have announced a \$100,000 contribution to the Cassville Library Building Fund from Mr. & Mrs. Glen Garrett on behalf of 1st State Bank of Purdy. The bank has branches in Cassville, Monett, Purdy, and Pierce City.

This contribution puts the funds raised at over the half-million dollar goal needed for the building project. Plans for the Cassville branch include a 9,400-square-foot building to be constructed on a 1.2-acre site.

 Cass County Public Library has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Allen P. and Josephine B. Green Foundation for a new outreach program involving preschool children in child care situations.

Funds from the grant will be used to develop the Book Express program. The

program will consist of theme-based reading kits designed for use by home child care providers, daycare centers, and Head Start programs. Each kit will contain five books, an audiotope and a videotape which are appropriate for children ages 2 to 5, a folder of finger plays, craft ideas, coloring sheets, and additional book suggestions. Child care providers will be able to check out the kits from a library branch for two weeks.

Linda Barrett, the library's youth services coordinator, says the program developed to meet changing family needs. "Many preschool children spend at least part of their day being cared for by someone other than a family member..." says Barrett. "Often, it is not feasible for the child care provider to bring children to the library. However, the Book Express program offers a convenient way for providers to integrate literature into their day. And research shows the importance of children being read to in order to develop solid reading skills."

GIS award for Springfield library

Springfield-Greene County Library's computer services department received a "Special Achievement in GIS Award" from the California-based Environmental Systems Research Institute. The library's work with geographic information systems was honored as an "example of excellence" at the GIS User Conference in June.

The library has collaborated with city and county agencies to present informative maps on its website. Among the library's map offerings are topographical and demographic maps, an education map showing school districts and boundaries for K-12 and higher education, a public safety map showing fire and police stations, storm sirens, hospitals, and other emergency information. The most-used map features Greene County assessor parcel information, which has become an important resource for real estate agents, health department staff, bankers, and others.

According to director Annie Busch, the library's maps have been accessed 1.5 million times during the past year and a half.



Children enjoy a summer program at the Washington Public Library (Washington Missourian photo)

Dolly Parton's reading program comes to Missouri

All children ages 5 and under in Missouri's Stone and Taney counties will be the recipients of free books from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Parton made the announcement in May at the Dixie Stampede Dinner and Show in Branson.

The Imagination Library began four years ago and was available exclusively to preschoolers in Sevier County, Tennessee, Parton's home county. Six thousand children have received more than 123,000 books through the program in that county. In 1999, Parton announced she would extend the opportunity to communities nationally and even internationally to replicate the Imagination Library program in their own areas.



The Imagination Library consists of 60 hardcover children's books. From the day they are born, children who are registered for the program receive a book free of charge every month until their fifth birthday. In addition, each child is also given a distinctive, adjustable bookcase (with locomotive and caboose bookends). The children's classic *The Little Engine That Could* is the first book of

each library, reflecting Parton's firm belief in the power of positive thinking. Books selected for the Imagination Library are approved by a committee of parents, educators, child development specialists, university professors, and a representative from the American Library Association. Parton says the program is "a wonderful way for kids to start to love books and have parents to read with them and work with them."

Parton has long been involved with education efforts in Tennessee; her Dollywood Foundation has supported teacher training programs, after-school tutoring, guidance counselors, and emergency support for children for school clothes and supplies. She expanded the Imagination Library program with profits from the Dixie Stampede.

Last March, Parton became the third recipient of the AAP Honors, established in 1997 by the Association of American Publishers to honor individuals or organizations outside the publishing industry who have helped focus public attention on American books and their importance in our society.

For information about establishing the Imagination Library program in your community, contact the Dollywood Foundation at 865-428-9606 (tel) or 865-428-9612 (fax).

Kansas City Public Library builds new branch/wins media award at ALA

Kansas City Public Library board members, staff, and community residents were on hand for a groundbreaking ceremony for the library's West Branch on June 13.

For the past 11 years, the West Neighborhood Library has struggled to serve all of its clients from very limited storefront space. Located in the traditional Spanish-speaking West Side area of Kansas City, the West library emphasizes service to this community through its bilingual staff and its collection of Spanish-language materials. Because of this emphasis, the West li-

brary also appeals to others within the greater Kansas City area who seek these types of materials and services. The new facility, like the current branch, will be designated a Neighborhood Library. It will be located across from a new community center and housing development.

- Kansas City Public's library card sign-up campaign won a 2000 Best of Show Award from the Library Administration and Management Association. The awards are given annually to recognize the very best individual pieces of public relations materials produced by libraries in the past year.

The Kansas City "I got carded" campaign

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Census Bureau releases new population estimates

The Census Bureau has just released 1999 population estimates by age, race, and gender for all states and counties in the United States. The new estimates show that 23 percent of the Missouri population is age 55 or over (1,233,268 out of a total state population of 5,468,333) and that women outnumber men in the state by approximately 169,000.

St. Charles County has the lowest percentage of population age 65 and over of any county in the state (8.6 percent); Hickory County has the highest percentage age 65 and over (24.7 percent).

1999 total population estimates for towns and cities across the nation are scheduled for release in early September 2000. Population estimates for Missouri are posted on the Web at <http://www.oseda.missouri.edu/mscdc/moa.popests/>.

For additional information or to request paper copies of the estimates, contact the State Library's Census Data Center at 800-325-0131, ext. 10.

Censorship exhibit available

The Long Island Coalition Against Censorship has created a new edition of its Censorship in Schools and Libraries exhibit.

The exhibit highlights incidents of censorship in schools and public libraries in the U.S. over the last 100 years. Included are descriptions of the censoring of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *In the Night Kitchen*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, and the novels of Judy Blume and Robert Cormier. The U.S. Supreme Court and lower court decisions are an integral part of the exhibit.

The new edition includes efforts to censor the popular Harry Potter children's books and the installation of filtering software in computers in the Loudon County (VA) Public Library. Also included is an update of censorship incidents in school libraries that occurred throughout the 1990s.

The exhibit presents 28 illustrations, each one approximately 11"x14", with accompanying text that is 11"x14." The cost, including mailing charges, is \$35.00. An e-mail order to dep1820@juno.com is acceptable or a purchase order to LICAC, PO Box 296, Pt. Washington, NY 11050.



incorporated quotes from and photos of community leaders placed in print media outlets throughout the city and on book-marks which included an application form.

Tax issue fails in Cass County

Cass County voters defeated a 10-cent library tax increase on August 8, 2000. Final results were 53 percent "no" to 47 percent "yes." The increase would have generated revenue to build new branches in several communities and improvements to existing buildings. The last time the library had a tax increase was in 1985.

Library director Jo Irwin thought a contributing factor to the defeat was that many people didn't bother to vote in the primary election. The library board will decide whether to hold another election at its next meeting.

Renovation for Cape Girardeau Public Library

Cape Girardeau Public Library has completed some major renovations to the library interior. The biggest change is found in the periodicals room, renamed the George and Dorothy Penzel Periodicals Room in honor of a regular library patron and his wife. The Penzel family donated to the library foundation and helped pay for the remodeling work. Other renovations include new storage space, a kitchenette, better lighting in the public meeting room, and additions to the restrooms.

Washington University's digital archives project

Three Washington University faculty projects will be made available in digital form—improving access to unique scholarly resources and providing important opportunities for both teaching and research—under the creation of new digital archives by the university's Digital Cultural Resources Group (DCRG).

The DCRG was appointed last fall by Shirley K. Baker, vice chancellor for information technology and dean of University

Libraries, to study the availability of services to support faculty use of digital resources. It is composed of librarians and professional staff from the Hilltop Campus and co-chaired by Dr. Peter J. Kastor, assistant director of American culture studies in Arts & Sciences, and Victoria Witte, assistant dean for information services, University Libraries.

The DCRG chose the three projects from a variety of faculty proposals. To be selected, a project had to involve the creation of a useful new resource for teaching or research in the arts, humanities, or social sciences, and equally important, provide opportunities for the DCRG to learn about issues of copyright, intellectual access, and technology. The group will support the following digital projects with technical advice and funding:

■ A database of photographs by Dr. John W. Bennett, emeritus professor of anthropology, and accompanying narrative will provide insights into what it means to be a cultural anthropologist. The images include early archaeology in the American Southwest, settlers in the Great Plains, Midwestern Amish farmers, postwar Japan, African pastoralists, and agricultural cooperatives in Israel. Much of the narration will appear as text, but some of the stories will be heard in Bennett's voice by using streaming media. The project should be unveiled in the fall but will continue to be updated.

■ Jeigh Singleton, associate professor in the fashion design program in the School of Art, will develop a database of photographs of garments from a collection donated to the university by the late Eula Fulton, an important figure in fashion marketing in St. Louis and nationally. Singleton will use the database in his teaching. His students will expand the usefulness of the resource by contributing drawings and documentation.

■ Jacqueline Tatom, assistant professor of architecture and director of the School of Architecture's Metropolitan Research and Design Center, will produce a series of digital maps of the St. Louis area. Using the Geographic Information System software, Tatom will develop a database of informa-

tion about neighborhoods, buildings, and other features drawn from old maps held by the Missouri Historical Society and contemporary maps provided by offices of St. Louis City and County. The database will be an important resource for research and teaching in architecture and in courses in American culture studies and other programs.

DCRG co-chair Witte noted: "This initiative as a whole will provide the opportunity to explore some of the most important issues relating to digital materials. It will enable the library to establish local protocols for the acquisition, cataloging, and long-term storage of digital media."

Witte added that the projects also will allow the library opportunities to build collaborative relationships within the university as well as with outside institutions, including other St. Louis area libraries.

A new type of book club

St. Louis County Library offers free memberships in an online book club called Chapter-a-Day. Those who subscribe receive brief excerpts of books via e-mail. The excerpts are comprised of the first chapter or chapters of a book. Interested patrons may continue to read by requesting the book through the library, or by purchasing a copy of their own. The library receives advance notice of titles to be excerpted, allowing some time to order books.

The club, which highlights a diverse range of titles, is free to the library and to the subscriber. A link on the library's homepage allows those with e-mail addresses to sign up for the service. Book excerpts are short and can be easily deleted by subscribers. Nonfiction titles are currently being featured, but there are plans to expand to audio books, juvenile titles, and fiction. Personal information is not shared with other companies, so those who sign up may be sure that joining will not generate unwanted contact. Those who join may unsubscribe at any time. The club is one of the efforts the library is taking to augment its readers' advisory service.

George Washington exhibit slated for St. Louis library

St. Louis Public Library is one of 40 public and academic libraries that have been selected to host "The Great Experiment: George Washington and the American Republic" traveling exhibition organized by the Huntington Library (CA) and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The exhibition will take place between September 2000 and September 2003.

"The Great Experiment" will encourage visitors to understand the George Washington behind the myths—myths that were created to strengthen his position as President and to secure the stability of a struggling republic.

Each library will host the exhibition for a six-week loan period that will include an opening reception and public programs associated with the exhibition themes.

The exhibition is made possible, in part, through a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, with additional support from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Munger.

UCITA videoconference date set

On December 13, 2000, the American Library Association, along with the Association of Research Libraries, Association of Law Libraries, Special Libraries Association, and the Medical Libraries Association, will be sponsoring a two-hour videoconference on the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA). The videoconference will provide a "primer" on UCITA, strategies for advocacy, and an opportunity for questions and answers by participants.

For additional information on UCITA, contact Miriam Nisbet at mnisbet@alawash.org. Background information on UCITA is available at the ALA Washington Office website at <http://www.ala.org/washoff/ucita.html>.



Cedar County Library director Glenda Pate demonstrates a new closed circuit TV which magnifies letters up to four inches tall. The library purchased the TV through a Basic Equipment Grant from the State Library. (Cedar County Republican photo by Marilyn Ellis)

Great Depression spawned revolution in print

The ubiquitous paperback book was born of hard times during the Great Depression. *Ariel, A Life of Shelley* by Andre Maurois was the first paperback book, published in 1935 by Penguin Books. The economics of the Great Depression fueled the decision by Allen Lane to publish paperbacks to lower the cost, sell more books, and save his printing business.

Today, more than a billion paperbacks are sold each year in the U.S. compared to 758 million hardcover books. However, because of their higher cost, hardcover books rack up sales of 15 billion dollars annually, while paperback sales generate 11 billion dollars.



Personal Notes

New Library Directors

Secretary of State Bekki Cook and State Librarian Sara Parker have announced the hiring of **Dr. Richard J. Smith** of Ruston, Louisiana, as director for the Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. He will begin his duties on September 5.

Parker said: "Richard Smith brings to this position a variety of library administrative experiences, including five years as director of Louisiana's library for the blind and physically handicapped. He has handled many different library positions and has experience teaching, consulting, and also has a strong background in technology."

Most recently, Smith was a visiting faculty member at San Jose State University (CA), where he taught a course on new technologies to school library media personnel and public librarians. He has also been a reference librarian at the State Library of Ohio, supervisor of audiovisual services for the Indiana State Library, director of library and learning resources at Alleghany Community College (MD), and an adjunct faculty member at the University of Iowa and the University of Pittsburgh.

In one of his consultant roles, Smith implemented training programs on the use of new technologies for librarians, teachers, and administrators in 28 school districts in western Colorado.

Smith received a B.A. from Penn State University and a master's and Ph.D in library and information science from the University of Pittsburgh.

Margaret Conroy has been named director of the Missouri River Regional Library in Jefferson City. She replaces Eric Austin, who served as director since 1997 and recently moved out of state.

Before accepting her new position, Conroy served for six years as director of Little Dixie Regional Libraries in Moberly where she instituted many new programs and serv-

ices. She has administered the cataloging office for the Missouri Newspaper Project at the State Historical Society of Missouri and worked in several Illinois public libraries. She received an M.L.S. from Rosary College (IL) and a B.A. from Quincy University (IL).

Conroy is president-elect of the Missouri Library Association

Lisa Marshall is the new director of the Wood Place Public Library in California. She replaces Cori Mayfield, who administered the library for two years and supervised the move of the collection to a larger facility, introduced new programs, and increased the book collection by 50 percent.

Marshall plans to enlarge the exhibit program at the library, increase fundraising activities, and fully automate the library. The second floor of the library is currently being renovated by California Progress, Inc. and will provide the community with a meeting and distance learning facility as part of the library service.

Marshall received a B.S. in business administration from Columbia College.

Karl Brockfeld has been named director of the Marshall Public Library. He earned a B.A. in history and an M.L.S. from the University of Missouri-Columbia. One of his major goals is promotion of the library to junior and senior high school students.

Jerry Morelock has been appointed director of the Winston Churchill Memorial and Library in Fulton. On his agenda are new programs to attract young people, to restore areas of the 17th century Christopher Wren church, to expand individual and corporate support of the institution's friends group, and to develop new exhibits. He hopes to increase the number of scholars who conduct research from the memorial's large collection of Churchill memorabilia.

Morelock holds a B.S. from the United States Military Academy at West Point, an M.S. from Purdue University, a master of military art and science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and a

Ph.D in history from the University of Kansas.

Linda McCarty is the new director of the Bloomfield Public Library. She succeeds Virginia Hampton, who retired after eight years of service to the community.

Lucy Middleton has become the director of the Morgan County Library, Versailles. She has been employed by the library for 31 years.

Glenda Pate is the new director of the Cedar County Library, Stockton. She has more than 20 years of library experience and most recently served for 10 years as assistant director/technology coordinator at the Polk County Library, Bolivar. She also coordinated bookmobile service for that county. She has served as a school librarian in Hurley and worked in the library at Southwest Missouri State University, the institution from which she received a B.S. in education.

Shaughn Uebinger has been appointed director of the Louisiana Public Library, replacing Aimee Preston. He served as the library's assistant director until his appointment.

Appointments

The University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries have announced two appointments: **Rebecca L. Ford** as instruction reference librarian and **Christine Robben** as interlibrary loan reference librarian. Both will work at the Miller Nichols Library.

Ford earned a B.A. in classics and French and an M.A. in library and information science at the University of Iowa. Her M.A. in classics is from the University of Kentucky. She also studied at Smith College (MA) and the University of Washington in Rome, Italy. She has teaching experience from both institutions where she earned degrees, and has worked as a freelance researcher and as a librarian for a marketing firm.

Robben has worked at the St. Charles City-County Library, the St. Louis Public

Library, Truman State University's Pickles Memorial Library, and in various library departments at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her B.A. in English is from Truman State, and her M.L.I.S. is from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Mid-Continent Public Library has made two branch appointments: **Shari Ellison** as Smithville branch librarian and **Patricia Bogue** as Claycomo branch librarian. Both are long-time staff members who have worked in various positions in the library's branch system.

New appointments at the University of Missouri-Columbia Libraries include **Marie Concannon** as government documents librarian and **Rhonda Whithaus** as electronic resources coordinator.

Both librarians have experience at MU, Concannon as a reference specialist in the State Historical Society of Missouri's Reference Library and Whithaus in Ellis Library's Reference Department and in the Columbia Missourian Newspaper Library. They received graduate degrees in library science from MU.

Regina Sinclair has been hired as the new supervisor of special collections at the St. Louis County Library. She holds a B.A. in professional writing from Southern Illinois University, an M.L.S. from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and an M.S. in urban administration from Washington University.

Sinclair has been a preservation librarian at the University of Iowa Libraries and The Johns Hopkins University. Her internship in preservation administration was at Stanford University.

Retirements

Larry Hackman, director of the Harry S. Truman Library since July 1995, has announced his resignation. He will stay with the library on a reduced schedule until a successor is appointed or until the end of the year, whichever is sooner. He is also

Missouri's interlibrary loan leaders

Interlibrary loan is a healthy business in Missouri. In 1998-99, Missouri libraries loaned 175,776 books to libraries across the state and nation; they borrowed 186,971 books from other libraries for their patrons. Following are last year's top borrowers and lenders.

Top 10 lenders in 1999

Linda Hall Library
Mid-Continent Public Library
St. Louis Public Library
St. Louis University—Pius X Library
Southwest Missouri State University
Truman State University
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Missouri-Rolla
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Washington University



Top 10 borrowers in 1999

Kansas City Public Library
Mid-Continent Public Library
Monsanto Company
Southwest Missouri State University
Truman State University
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Missouri-Kansas City
University of Missouri-Rolla
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Washington University

Source: Missouri Library Network Corporation



Sky High on Reading

Springfield author David Harrison reports a spectacular success with *Sky High on Reading*, a program involving the entire Springfield community and surrounding areas. Harrison enlisted promotional help for the program from teachers, parents, business leaders, librarians, and government officials. They challenged children to read enough books over a year to reach miles into the sky. The contest later expanded to include adults. Residents met the challenge by reading more than 2.2 million books, enough to reach nearly 12 miles.

About 300 people attended a grand celebration to hear kids read and watch others lead the crowd in reading cheers. The celebration, held at The Library Center, featured PowerChutes, parachutists, and even a helicopter buzzing over the crowd.

stepping down from his other role as president of the Truman Library Institute.

Hackman has led the Truman Library through significant changes that will strengthen the library and the programs it will offer for generations to come. The centerpiece of his tenure has been to prepare for the complete renovation of the library, including new permanent exhibitions and a new temporary exhibition gallery, and the development of its "Classroom for Democracy" initiatives. He was instrumental in organizing a capital campaign that raised more than \$24 million for the renovation.

Before coming to Independence, Hackman served for 13 years as state archivist and assistant commissioner of education for New York. Earlier he had directed several programs at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston and had been the first director of the Records Grant Program of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission in Washington.

Virginia Hampton retired in June after serving eight years as director of the Bloomfield Public Library.

Glen Housworth retired in May as director of the Morgan County Library. He joined the library staff in 1949 and drove the bookmobile before his appointment as director 38 years ago.

Awards

Dr. MaryEllen Sievert, professor in the School of Information Science and Learning Technologies at the University of Missouri-Columbia, received the Best Research Poster Award for 2000 at the Medical Library Association's annual conference in Vancouver. The poster was titled "Representation and Uniqueness of Neonatology Acronyms in the UMLS." From MU, her teammates included Dr. Ramak R. Amjad, a fellow in neonatology; Dr. John Paradoles, a neonatologist; and Dr. Timothy B. Patrick, assistant professor in the Department of Health Management and Informatics. Also working on the project was Beth Carlin, formerly the librarian at St. Louis Chil-

dren's Hospital and now a librarian in Omaha.

Missourians named to National Advocacy Honor Roll

More than 300 honorees, representing 40 states and the District of Columbia were named to the first-ever National Advocacy Honor Roll sponsored by the American Library Association and the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates. The advocates, among them 10 Missourians, were recognized at an Honor Roll Banquet on July 7, 2000, at the ALA annual conference in Chicago.

The National Advocacy Honor Roll recognizes those who have actively supported and strengthened library services at the local, state, or national levels over the last 100 years. The honorees are advocates who have led major initiatives or sustained efforts to enhance library development and/or public awareness. Their accomplishments are noteworthy and provide models for others who wish to expand advocacy efforts.

Nominations were made jointly in the spring by state libraries, ALA chapters, and other state library associations. Each state was asked to name up to five living honorees and five posthumous honorees. Missouri's honorees are:

Judy Daniel is the longstanding legislative chair for the Missouri Association of School Librarians. As Missouri's foremost school library advocate, she has an impressive record of ensuring legislation that promotes school libraries.

Bill Mitchell built the organization of MOREnet, Missouri's mid-level network which provides high capacity, high-speed bandwidth within the state and to the Internet. His success with state appropriation committees has resulted in Missouri underwriting more than \$21 million of Internet connectivity for public purposes within the state.

Randy Scherr accepted the Missouri Library Association as a client early in his career. Eighteen years later, as a successful

lobbyist with many clients, Scherr has kept libraries as an important client, and much of his work is pro bono. He has achieved major legislation and appropriation increases to benefit all Missouri libraries.

Nancy Stiegemeier is influential as a library trustee on both the state and national levels. She is a past president of the American Library Trustees Association and well known for advocacy and trustee training.

Virginia Young is a trustee-citizen advocate and author of *The Library Trustee*. Devoting her life to the cause of libraries, she works to promote libraries and library issues on the state and national levels with great success. She is the former chair of the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education and past president of the American Library Trustees Association.

Posthumous Honorees

Ron Bohley devoted his life to multi-type library cooperation in Missouri and was one of the founders of the Missouri Library Network Corporation. As an academic librarian, he provided leadership for his colleagues within the university structure.

Don Earnshaw helped form and nurture Missouri's first consolidated regional library, which included helping to secure legislation for this type of library in Missouri. He is a past president of the American Library Trustee Association and provided outstanding trustee leadership in Missouri and on the national level.

Ralph Parker served as dean of libraries at the University of Missouri-Columbia and helped to establish MU's graduate school for library and information science. An early proponent of library automation, Parker shared his expertise throughout Missouri and the nation. He served many years on the Missouri State Library Commission, guiding the commission through some difficult years as libraries developed through the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s.

Stewart W. Smith was the first director of the St. Louis County Library. As an advocate for county libraries, he was responsible for legislation that ensured county libraries would have a strong base as municipalities

developed and for clarification of libraries' rights to invest their own funds. He worked for legislation which allowed political subdivisions to provide pension programs for their employees as well as other legislation of benefit to libraries.

Sharon Willis provided leadership for the Missouri Association of School Librarians and helped that organization become a leader in library advocacy not only in the legislature but also within the education establishment. She worked tirelessly to promote library advocacy by all types of Missouri libraries.

State Library sponsors conference on at-risk youth

The Missouri State Library will sponsor a youth services conference on November 1, 2000, at the Ramada Inn in Jefferson City. "Seeking Solutions: Libraries Committed to



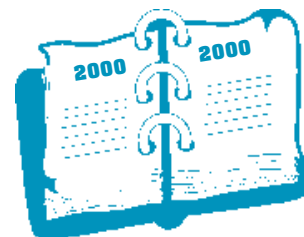
Youth at Risk" will provide librarians with resources and practical information for serving at-risk youth in their communities.

Libraries have a significant role to play to ensure a positive outcome for youth development. To explore this role, the conference will include sessions on the connection between libraries and successful youth development, customer service to teens, and ways to build coalitions with local youth agencies. A special session will feature librarians from Missouri and Kansas who will discuss collaborative programs they have developed for youth at risk.

Registration forms have been mailed to public and school librarians in the state, and a registration form is also available on the State Library's website at <http://mosl.sos.state.mo.us/lib-ser/libdev/atrisk.html>. There is no registration fee for the workshop.

For more information, call Nancee Dahms-Stinson, youth and senior services librarian at the State Library, 800-325-0131, ext 5, or send an e-mail to dahmsn@sosmail.state.mo.us.

Upcoming Events



October 4-6
Missouri Library Association
Annual Conference
Excelsior Springs

October 15-21
Teen Read Week

October 19-21
Missouri Folklore Society
Annual Conference
Fulton

November 1
"Seeking Solutions: Libraries
Committed to Youth at Risk"
State Library Conference
Jefferson City

November 1
National Family Literacy Day

November 8
National Young Reader's Day

November 11
Fourth Celebration of the
Book
University of Missouri
Columbia

November 13-19
National Children's Book
Week

**Essential Design Principles
for Missouri Libraries
State Library Regional Work-
shops**
November 29-Springfield
December 1-Independence
December 5-St. Peters



*Be a little careful about
your library. Do you foresee
what you will do with it?
Very little to be sure. But
the real question is, what it
will do with you? You will
come here and get books
that will open your eyes and
your ears and your curiosi-
ty, and turn you inside out
or outside in.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson



113 attend Summer Institute 2000



Library staff pose for a graduation photo at the 2000 Summer Institute, held August 8 through 11 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, Missouri

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